

## Town Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month at Town Hall Event

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**Farmingville, NY** – On October 9, the Town of Brookhaven’s Hispanic Advisory Board celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month at Town Hall. The event featured the presentation of Academic Achievement Awards, community honorees, performances and a cultural food tasting. At the event, the board recognized students with exceptional academic grades from high schools throughout Brookhaven Town. They also recognized three outstanding Hispanic leaders from the community who are role models to our youth. This year’s honorees were Suffolk County Court Judge, the Honorable Philip Goglas, US Army Reserve Major and JAG Raymond Negron, Esq., and retired US Marine veteran Guillermo Sandoval, who served his country during “Operation Iraqi Freedom” in 2003. Pictured at the podium are Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico. Behind them are the students who were honored by the board.

The Brookhaven Town Hispanic Advisory Board, which is the first of its kind for Brookhaven, was established in 2013 to help improve cultural understanding between the Hispanic community, civic and business leaders, Brookhaven government and town residents. The mission of the board is to discuss and address issues of importance and relevance to the Hispanic community and make recommendations regarding proposed legislation to the Brookhaven Town Board. In addition, they help to promote Hispanic business development and provide needed information, enabling them to have equal access and opportunity to contracting and procurement in Brookhaven. For more information about the Town’s Hispanic Advisory Board, please call Diana Weir, Commissioner of Housing and Human Services, at 631-451-6600.

Pictured above left to right are Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright, County Legislator Rob Calarco, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Sachem High School East students Alexandra DeCicco and Matthew Botros, Councilman Neil Foley, Councilman Dan Panico and Supervisor Ed Romaine.

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